

REMARKS

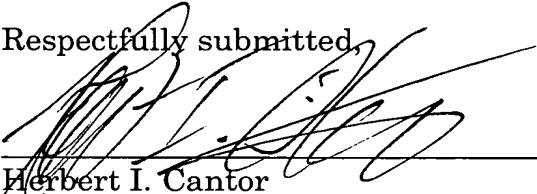
It is respectfully requested that the above-amendments be entered prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to place them in proper multiple dependent form. No new matter has been added.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #01075552992US).

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